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The invention will further be described, by way of example, with reference to the accompanying drawing, Figure 1, which is a diagrammatic part-sectional view of a retractable barrier system in accordance with an embodiment of the invention.

Referring to the accompanying drawing, the retractable barrier system comprises a support member in the form of a housing 10, for example of box-like steel construction although other shapes are possible and of course the housing could be manufactured of other materials. Within the housing 10 is a spindle 12, which is partially hidden and denoted by dashed lines. The spindle 12 is secured within the housing 10 against rotations, the spindle 12 being oriented such that, in use, it is arranged generally vertically.

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The skirt 18 includes an upper wall 28 of preferably slightly downwardly angled form and a peripheral wall 30 which depends from the periphery of the upper wall 28. The angled lines of skirt 18

indicate the upper surface of the angled, conical upper wall 28 of the skirt 18 The skirt 18 therefore defines a cavity 32, and a coiled spring 34 is provided within the cavity 32. The spring carrier member 36 may simply be a friction fit within the peripheral wall 30, or alternatively may be secured in position using adhesive.